

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's Amendment and Notice of Allowability mailed on 12/14/06, in which Claims 5-11 with the noted amendments were indicated as being allowable. In reviewing the Examiner's Amendment it appears that several amendments to claims 5 and 9 are needed for consistency purposes and to better comply with the discussion at the telephone interview of 12/08/06.

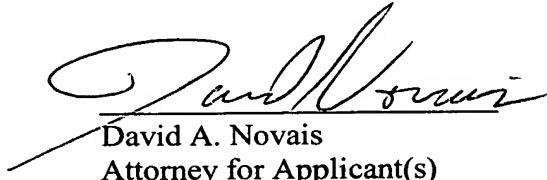
More specifically, in view of the changes made by the Examiner's Amendment, the present 312 amendment includes the following changes for consistency and clarity purposes:

- * Claim 5, line 2, delete "groups of" so as to be consistent with the deletion of "each group" in the remainder of the claims;
- * Claim 5, line 3, include an amendment indicating the deletion of the phrase "a different" as "~~a different~~" to clarify that this term has been deleted from the previous version of the claim;
- * Claim 5, line 5, include amendments indicating the deletion "ef" and the addition "the";
- * Claim 5, line 6, include amendments indicating the deletion "the", the addition "said", the deletion "region", and the addition "regions"; and
- * Claim 9, lines 1-2, include an amendment indicating the deletion "~~groups ef~~".

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned in the event that a phone interview will expedite prosecution of this application towards allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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